

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-017548-24
ABP-320048-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18/09/2024.

The Board decided as follows:

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant approval subject to conditions for the above mentioned development by order dates the July 7th 2022.

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alterations in respect of the windfarm development is described as follows:

- The relocation of the permitted 110kV electricity substation to a point 145m to the south east of the permitted site location.
- A reduction in the total footprint of the electricity substation including the Eirgrid control building and Independent Power Producer (IPP) control building.
- A change in the IPP building from a block built structure to a modular structure and a reduction in the gross floor area from 172 m² to 80m².
- Revised access arrangements including a dedicated access point to the electricity storage system.
- Revised alignment of electricity cables and 110kV line to facilitate connection to relocated substation.

- The storage of excavated material at the spoil deposition area and completion of associated works.

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observation from the public in relation to whether the proposed alteration would constitute the making of the material alteration to the terms of the development concerned,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alteration would not result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above mentioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 1st July, 2024 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

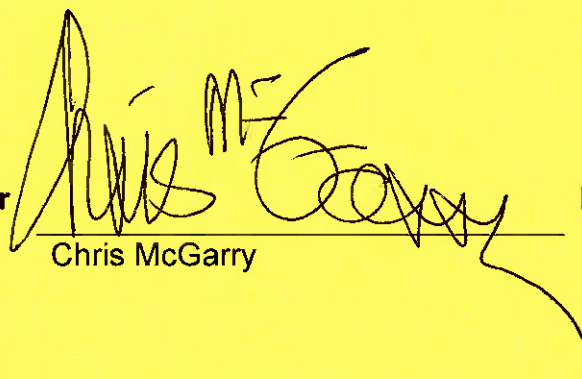
Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the development approved under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP 311565-21 for the Bracklyn Windfarm Development.
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to Natura 2000 sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the nature and location of the alterations now proposed,

- (iv) the nature and limited scale of the alterations when proposed in relation to the overall scale of the windfarm development
- (v) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to Natura 2000 sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and
- (vi) the report of the Board's inspector, which is adopted,

it is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

Board Member



Chris McGarry

Date: 23/09/2024